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1. SUMMARY. WE ARE SENDING BY LOU SEPTTEL THE TEXT OF REVISED ARTS I, II AND III OF THE REGISTRATION TREATY THAT INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS APRIL 11 SHOWED TO BE ACCEPTABLE THROUGHOUT THE REGISTRATION WORKING GROUP. THIS TEXT IS EXACTLY IN LINE WITH REF A, WHICH WE HAVE FOUND VERY HELPFUL.

2. DETAILS. BEARING IN MIND INJUNCTIONS IN PARA 7 REF A THAT WE SHOULD NOT PRESENT A PROPOSAL AS BEARING USG APPROVAL, WE DREW ON THAT TEL TO INDICATE TO WORKING GROUP MEMBERS IN INFORMAL CLOSED SESSION THE POSSIBILITIES FOR WORKING OUT ART I (DEFINITIONS), ART II (NATIONAL REGISTER) AND ART II (TYPES OF INFORMATION TO BE TRANSMITTED TO THE UN REGISTRY) ON A MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY BASIS, RESPONSE OF VARIOUS DELS WAS WARM AND RESULTED IN TENTATIVE CONFIDENTIAL

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AGREEMENT ON A TEXT WHICH HAS NO SUBSTANTIVE DEVIATION FROM OUR SUGGESTIONS.

3. TEXT OF THREE TENTATIVELY AGREED ARTS BEING SENT BY LOU SEPTTEL TO MAKE FOR EASIER HANDLING. THE ONLY REVISIONS ARE DRAFTING CHANGES AND THERE ARE ONLY THREE OF THESE. THEY ARE AS FOLLOWS:
(A) IN ART I (C) D ASSIGN HIM ONE.

3. SUBJECT'S LAST TRIAL SESSION OCCURRED APRIL 5. AT SESSION PROSECUTION PRODUCED THREE WITNESSES PRESENT AT APPREHENSION. THEY TESTIFIED THAT HE WAS IN POSSESSION OF BOX CONTAINING PLANT- LIKE SUBSTANCE WHEN ARRESTED. THE BOX AND ITS CONTENTS WERE INTRODUCED AS EVIDENCE, AND POLICE LAB INVESTIGATOR STATED HIS TESTS INDICATED SUBSTANCE WAS CANNABIS. PANEL OF THREE PRESIDING JUDGES POSED MAJORITY OF QUESTIONS TO PROSECUTION WITNESSES, BUT SCOTT WAS GIVEN EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO CROSS EXAMINE THEM, AND ASKED NUMBER OF QUESTIONS. SINCE TRIAL SESSION WAS CONDUCTED IN AMHARIC (AS ARE ALL TRIAL SESSIONS IN ETHIOPIA) COURT PROVIDED SCOTT WITH INTERPRETER. IT APPEARED TO CONS OFF AND HIS ETHIOPIAN ASSISTANT THAT INTERPRETER DID EXCELLENT IMPARTIAL JOB OF TRANSLATING.

4. AS NOTED ADDIS OM FEBRUARY 6, SCOTT WAS EXAMINED BY PSYCHIATRIST BEFORE TRIAL AND FOUND TO BE LEGALLY SANE. HOWEVER, PRISON PHYSICIAN WHO TREATED SCOTT RECENTLY FOR MILD CHEST AILMENT FEELS HE " SLIGHTLY UNSTABLE". ACCORDINGLY, PHYSICIAN HAS AGREED TO HAVE SUBJECT EXAMINED BY NEUROLOGIST APRIL 14 TO DETERMINE WHETHER NEUROLOGICAL TREATMENT ADVISABLE. PHYSICIAN STATES THAT SCOTT PRESENTLY IN GOOD PHYSICAL HEALTH.

5. SCOTT HAS OCCUPIED TIME BY READING NUMBER OF BOOKS AT PRISON LIBRARY AND CONS OFF HAS PURCHASED OTHER BOOKS HE HAS REQUESTED AT LOCAL BOOKSHOPS.

6. NEXT TRIAL SESSION SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 17.

7. COMMENT: EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE EFFORTS TO PERSUADE SCOTT ACCEPT ATTORNEY FOR APRIL 17 SESSION. IF SUBJECT ACCEPTS ATTORNEY EMBASSY ALSO PREPARED TO SUPPORT REQUEST FOR NEW TRIAL IF HE DESIRES, AND WILL CONTINUE ADVISE HIM OF THIS POSSIBILITY. PERHAPS LETTERS TO SUBJECT FROM RELATIVES MAY HELP PERSUADE HIM ACCEPT ATTORNEY. LETTERS TO HIM MAY BE ADDRESSED TO CONS OFF, BOX 1014, AMEMBASSY, ADDIS FOR DELIVERY. EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE REPORT CASE DEVELOPMENTS AS THEY OCCUR.
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